

# ***This Is ~~Not~~ The End***

Group Discussion Guide // Week 11

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## **WARM-UP**

1. If you suddenly had a book deal, what book would you write and why?
  2. In your opinion, what are two important traits that a good leader must have, no matter what capacity he or she leads in?
  3. What makes for a great place to live, whether it's a suburb or a city block?
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## **TRUTH**

Read Revelation 19:11-16

Like every good story, the book of Revelation builds to a climactic scene. King Jesus arrives for the final battle and gathers his army of followers. His enemies get into battle formation opposite. But it's no contest. King Jesus wins, and his victory prepares the way for a new world where he rules and reigns. In these chapters we witness the defeat of everything that brings evil into the world and the recapturing of true humanity for the followers of Jesus.

### **False Kings Defeated**

Read Revelation 19:19-20

We learned that the beast represents Rome and any kingdom that runs contrary to the culture of the Lamb. When Jesus arrives, he will seize power. He will become the ruling political party, and what he says will be the final word. Giving in to cultural pressure might seem expedient, but in the long run, the only elements of culture that stick around are those that Jesus endorses. That's why obedience to Jesus is an act of loyalty to the coming King. To pledge allegiance to another king is backing the wrong horse.

- ▶ What do you think is the significance of Jesus' weapon being the sword from his mouth?

## Raised to Reign

Read Revelation 20:4-6 and Genesis 1:28

People were created by God to reign. When Jesus returns to reign on the earth, it's not as if he's the autocrat and people are his drones. Followers of Jesus recapture what it means to truly be human. In view of Genesis one, to be human is to take the raw material of creation and make useful, beautiful things with it. That's what God did with us, and when he eliminates sin, we'll be able to develop human culture free from evil.

- What do you think "reigning" looked like for the first humans of Genesis 1:28?

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## GRACE

### Justice is Done

Read Revelation 20:11-13

In a world racked by injustice, the promise of these chapters is a living, breathing hope. In our world, the bad guys win far too often. The vulnerable are denied justice, and the powerful exploit the weak to build their own kingdoms. Jesus will bring justice to the world. Their works will be laid bare and those who follow the Lamb will be vindicated. The justice that Jesus brings paves the way for the renewed world.

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## CHANGE

1. Jesus says he plans to bring justice by the word of his mouth. How are you doing on knowing, understanding, and applying the word of God?
2. What can it look like for you to represent the kingdom and rule of Jesus in your environment?
3. Why is the defeat of God's enemies really good news to you?

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## PRAYER

- Pray for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.